

**SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(FOURTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

**FOR SEVENTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 26TH OCTOBER, 2009
(Time 10: 30 A.M to 1:00 and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)**

MEMBER PRESENT

1. **Pu R.ROMAWIA**, Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, Deputy Speaker, 11 Minister and 23 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

2. **QUESTIONS** entered in separate list to be asked and oral answer given.

LAYING OF PAPER

3. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA**, Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Correction of the Statement- 1 (A) at 17th page of Annual Financial Statement(Budget) 2009-2010.

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS
DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMAND FOR GRANTS**

4. **Pu LALSAWTA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
5. **Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

S P E A K E R : Unless the LORD builds the house they labour in vain who build it; unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

Psalms 127: 1.

Now, we will take question. Let us call upon Pu Lalrobiaka to ask Starred Question no.91.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Starred Question No-91. How far has repatriation done for Bru refugee?

S P E A K E R : Pu R.Lalzirliana Home Minister to give answer.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the repatriation for Bru refugees will be readied soon.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalduhoma to ask supplementary question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, under the Police modernization we know that the recipients of Grade-1V uniform of shoe and jersey had complain that they could not put on their uniform. Will the hon'ble minister enquire the matter?

S P E A K E R : The question is not relevant, but let us call him to answer it if he could.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I do not know it yet but let me enquire about it.

- S P E A K E R : Pu P.P.Thawla to ask supplementary question.
- Pu P.P.THAWLA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, what is the total expenditure for the purpose of repatriation of Bru refugees?
- S P E A K E R : Pu R. Lalzirliana minister to give answer.
- Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, ₹. 25.86 crores is estimated for repatriation of Bru refugees and demand is made to the Central Government which has been accepted.
- S P E A K E R : Pu Lalrobiaka to ask additional question.
- Pu LALROBIAKA : The House Leader in the Budget Speech said that it is ₹.33 crores. Is there any relation with it?
- S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Home Minister to give answer.
- Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, that is Special Development Scheme. That is different from Bru Repatriation .
- S P E A K E R : Now, Pu C. Ramhluna on behalf of Pu B. Lalthlengliana, to ask Starred Question No.92.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Will the hon'ble minister, Food, Civil Supply and Consumer Affairs Department be pleased to state-

- (a) The steps taken by the Government of Mizoram for self-sufficiency in petroleum gas?
- (b) Will new connection be given to the new customers?

S P E A K E R : Pu H. Rohluna minister to give answer.

Pu H.ROHLUNA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, answer to the above questions are -

- (a) Government of Mizoram makes demand to the authority of the Indian Oil Company (IOC) for self-sufficiency of petroleum gas in the state to give us more Gas Agencies and to enlarge Mualkhang Gas Bottling Plants.
- (b) The Government of Mizoram demanded continuously to the authority for more new connection.

S P E A K E R : Pu C. Ramhluna to ask supplementary questions.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are -

- i) What is the quantity of monthly input of gas cylinder in the state.
- ii) Whether the gas supply has been reduced in the whole of India?
- iii) Whether distribution of gas supply zone wise could be reviewed as it caused hardship than before?
- iv) Whether the churches could use gas as a commercial purpose?

S P E A K E R : Pu K. Liantlinga to ask supplementary questions.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, my questions are -

- (1) How many Gas Agencies are there in the state and how many consumers are contained in each agent?
- (2) What is the real problem of gas supply? Who is more responsible the Gas Bottling Plant or the agencies?
- (3) How will you solve the problem?

S P E A K E R : Pu H.Rohluna minister to give answer to the supplementary questions?

Pu H. ROHLUNA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the quantity of gas input is not clear, It is about ninety one thousand to one lakh and eleven thousand cylinders in a year.

Regarding the problem, India is not self – sufficient in gas production. It has to import a large quantity loosing a sum of ₹.158/- per each cylinder. That is why the state has difficulty in gas cylinder. Refinery is also the main problem. The supplier trucks could not meet requirement from the gas bottling plant.

Regarding area-wise distribution system, government believes that each agent would able to meet the requirement of their respective areas. But Caravan Gas Agency did not import any gas for the last four months due to unclarification of the explosive license. It seemed that this caused hardship in the state. The incoming cylinder within this year is much higher than the previous year.

Regarding domestic cylinder given to the churches we were alleged in the House in giving churches domestic cylinders and was written in the local News-papers. But that is not true. We request the churches not to use domestic cylinders. We feel that the churches too received our request desirably. Hotels and restaurants are also given warning not to use any domestic cylinders commercial connection are made available for them. .

Regarding Pu Liantlinga's question, I do not know how much connection each agency has consumers. If possible I will give the answer later on.

As demand for LPG is very high in the state, the Department as well as the government is working hard to solve our problem. I do hope that our hon'ble members understand our problems. Company could not provide connection as demanded though we were given connection from various agencies. It is expected that connection will be given by the company in order of seniority of booking, earlier connection was given by means of Ration card. but now, by means of consumer card only. This may caused more complain from the people. Anyway, the quantity is too small to meet the requirement of the people, that is the reason. Demand is made to the company as well as to the central minister to have spot verification. In pursuance of our demand, it is now propose to have eligibility survey in the state for more 18 agencies. If eligibility is there, more distribution centre may come up.

Now, we have three new distributors at Khatla, Luangmual and Seling. The Explosive Licence is now being applied by them. That is all, thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, Pu Lalduhoma,

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, Zopuii Gas Agency has less consumers whereas other agencies have more consumers than it is laid by the company rule. Gas distribution system is not fair from the very beginning. Will you revise the distribution system? Secondly, it is said that there will be one more agency at Luangmual. At what time the said agency will be functional?

Thirdly, we, the members want to know monthly quota of the members and the quantity of cylinder lifted by the hon'ble members?

Fourthly, will it possible to revise decision made against the church? I feel that it should not be treated as commercial.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, my question is -

Is there any decision made in 2007 to set up Gas Agency at Saitual and Darlawn ?

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, is it good to stop
DEPUTY SPEAKER the special permit system?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu H.Rohluna, Minister to give answer.

Pu H. ROHLUNA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Pi Zopuii Gas Agency has more house family than other agencies is that there are many house families who have no gas connection. That is why, it is regarded to meet the requirement of the area. There is new gas agent at Luangmual appointed by the company. It is expected to function in early date. That is why, it is expected to meet the requirement of the area.

I want to inform the House that following are the new distributors :-

- 1) Michael Lalrinmawia S/o Ngurhuzauva , Khatla.
- 2) Luangmual Distributor is Pu Zothansanga, Betech Kolosib, Present Address Ramhlun 'S'.
- 3) Jamadarthangi of Champhai for Seling.

I want to say that the state government has no power at all for appointment of gas distributors. It also has no power in regard to LPG supply. Government interferes only to solve the problems faced by the people.

S P E A K E R : Your attention please, as you are a Minister of Consumer Affairs, I would like to request you to give pressure to solve the problems of the people continuously.

Pu H . ROHLUNA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, best effort is made in this regard. But the people did not know about the relation between the distributors and the company. Government could not make pressure to break the law of the company. Only a copy of the quantity of gas cylinders lifted may be had from them. The copies will be given to the hon'ble members.

S P E A K E R : We want to know only the quantity of lifted gas cylinders because it seemed that it is to be surplus against some distributors while gas problem is very high in the state.

Pu H. ROHLUNA : Some families have more than four connections. There is much difference in having the number of cylinder. Some families have only one cylinder while some-other families have more than ten cylinders. It is therefore necessary to fill all cylinders equally in each area. It seemed that it is necessary to have a good understanding that the government is trying to divide gas as equal as possible.

Regarding churches, I do hope that they would accept our request in regard to filling gas cylinders. They are expected not to break the law of the state government.

Regarding gas distribution centre at Saitual and Darlawn, there was a decision to shift the two distribution centres to Aizawl city from the company. But there is alternative request again from the company to set up distribution centre at Luangmual, Khatla and Seling. Darlawn and Saitual have been left out. But they are included in the request that has been made to the Union Minister. As answered the request, the company will have spot verification. Distribution centre will be set up if a village has more than 1000 subscribers as the Bramin Scheme. Accordingly, I do hope that Saitual and Darlawn will have distribution centre at an early date.

The hon'ble Dy. Speaker said that it is better to stop the special permit system. The matter is underconsideration by the department concern. But in regard to LPG, VIP reserve has been change into emergency reserve for the purpose of unexpected happenings.

S P E A K E R : There are three more supplementary questions to be answered. Will we go to the discussion on demand?

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, it is not a new question, but it is a question from which had been asked. You also asked him to clarify the reasons why government has no responsibility to the distribution of gas and why did state government can do nothing to it?

Secondly, it is said only about Aizawl, Lunglei also has a serious problem. Will new distribution centre could be set up?

Thirdly, it seemed that it is the same meaning about emergency reserve and VIP Quota. It has been said that more is consumed in this year than the preceding year while there is much more problems in this year. What is the reason?

S P E A K E R : That means you want to ask more question. Col.Z.S. Zuala will ask and after that Pu Nirupam Chakma. Any other members may raise your hand as we have 20 minutes more.

Lt.Col.Z.S.ZUALA : 1) Did the churches replied question in regard to non-domestic cylinder ? 2) In regard to gas cylinder for churches, is it better not to mention in the House?

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : 1) How many gas connection can a single family have? 2) Can the hon'ble minister set up a Consultative Committee to solve the said problems?

Pu H.LIANSAILOVA
MINISTER : It seemed there is a guide line to fix a number not more than four supplementary questions for a Starred Question. Is it better to follow the said norm?

S P E A K E R : It may be better. I don't know about it as I was not informed the said norm. Let us fix four/five supplementary questions in a Starred Question.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, four / five
MINISTER supplementary questions have been
asked in a Starred Question because of
your leniency. Only three supplementary
questions is fixed last year. That is why it is better to fix not more than three
supplementary questions.

S P E A K E R : Yes, let us fix it to three supplementary
questions.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Hon'ble Speaker, it is good to set up
such guiding principle. But it cannot be
so rigid. Parliament also could not
practise rigidly because the importance
of Starred Questions differed from one another.

S P E A K E R : Yes, it can be carried out according to
the importance of the questions. Now, let
us call upon the hon'ble Minister to
answer the supplementary questions.

Pu H.ROHLUNA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, it will take more
MINISTER time as it concerns public. The state
government is to monitor the LPG
agency. It is regarded that the
government will know its duty.

The state government did not neglect the southern part of
Mizoram in regard to gas distribution centre, many places are selected for distribution
centre.

It appears that most of the churches had replied and complied
with our request, but we do not know how many of them had given replies, this will
be notified later.

In regard to gas connection for a household, it is only one
connection. But as it is not strictly restricted by government in the past, it is difficult
to control now. But it will be observed strictly later on. As it has been computerized,
it is not difficult to detect such connection.

S P E A K E R : Now, Pu K.Liantlinga to ask Starred Question No.93.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Will the hon'ble minister for Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation Department be pleased to state –

- 1) Is there any proposal for election of Municipality? If so, when?
- 2) How far has government taken step for draft of Community Participation.

S P E A K E R : Pu Zodintluanga Minister to give answer to the Starred Questions.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir the answers are –

- 1) Government is taking step to have election of Aizawl Municipal Council.
- 2) Draft of Community Participation Law has been formulated and it has been sent to be vetted by Law and Judicial Department.

S P E A K E R : Pu K.Liantlinga to ask supplementary question.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Thank you hon'ble Speaker Sir. Amendment Bill of this law has been brought to the House now. If it were readied, what are the things to be done for the election?

Secondly, if election is to be held, is there any proposal already made for members of Ward Committee?

Thirdly, will you take prompt action in regard to Community Participation Law as it is the hope of the poor in the city just as NREGS is in the rural area?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu Zodintluanga to give answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, it is difficult to answer the questions before the bill is passed. I, therefore, request him to have understanding.

S P E A K E R : It appears that he is asking the Draft of Community Participation.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : The Draft of Community Participation Law has been sent to Law and Judicial Department for vetting. The Community Participation Law has been included under the Memorandum of Agreement with the JNNURM Schemes to be reformed. The year 2008-2009 is targeted for its implementation. The Rule opens the door for citizens in its administration. Anyhow, it will be useful after urban Local Body has been set up.

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Regarding the Municipality, how will you take step in other District Headquarters?

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, there is proposal for a town having population of ten thousands will have Municipality.

S P E A K E R : Now, Pu Lalduhoma to ask Starred Question No.94.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, how far is the step taken by the Investigation Team of Chiahpuam?

S P E A K E R : Pu R.Lalzirliana to give answer.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, there are many agencies whose trade is just like Chiahpuam which have no permission from Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The state government is now investigating such cases. The three departments of this government also invested a large sum of money in the Chiahpuam.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalthlengliana has not yet recovered from his illness and Pu K.S. Thanga is absent from the House to visit his constituency.

Now, we will go to the next business, that is Laying of Paper. We will call upon Pu Lal Thanhawla, hon'ble Chief Minister to lay the correction of Statement 1 (A) at 17th page of Annual Financial Statement (Budget) 2009-2010.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, with your kind permission I lay the Correction of Statement 1 at 17th Page of Annual Financial Statement (Budget) 2009 – 2010 on the Table of the House.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, there is few typing mistakes in the Budget to spoil the Budget Book. But it is very pleasing to discover such typing mistake in time. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be laid on the table of the House for changing page 17th of the Budget Book.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, 6th page of the Annual Financial Statement showed other grant of ₹.7.96 lakhs under Central Plan Scheme. But I did not find its disbursement. Can you kindly clarify it.

S P E A K E R : That question be answered by the minister when winding up of his demands, any other question for his clarification without answering the questions now?

Now, we will go to financial business and as usual, we will take two minister's demands. What is the opinion of the House. Let me call upon Pu Lalsawta, Minister to submit his demand nos.4,8,12,20 and 21 to the House.

Pu LALSAWTA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, with your kind permission and of the House, I submit my Demands Nos. 4 – Law and MINISTER Judicial Department - ₹.11,19,80,000/-.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, this is different from budget book as it includes 'charged' of ₹.2,85,15,000/- which is not to be voted. Demand No.8 – Taxation Department - ₹.6,99,90,000/-. Demand No.12 – Parliamentary Affairs - ₹.31,11,500/-. Demand No.20 – School Education Department - ₹.3,79,93,19,000/-. Demand No.21 – Higher and Technical Education Department - ₹.65,96,36,000/- in this august House as recommended by the Governor of Mizoram.

S P E A K E R : Now, let us call upon Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, Minister to submit his demands to the House as we are going to take them together.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, with your kind permission and with the recommendation MINISTER of the Governor of Mizoram I moved demand Nos. 24, 28 and 44 for the expenditure for 2009-2010 in respect of the following departments. Demand No.24 – Medical and Public Health Services - ₹.2,72,87,96,000/-. Demand No.28 – Labour and Employment - ₹.5,34,50,000/-. Demand No.44 – Trade and Commerce - ₹.44,45,00,000/-. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, the two ministers submitted their Demands to the House. We will have discussion. A member will have ten minutes. Warning bell will be rung after 9 minutes. Do you agree with it. Who will be the first? Yes, Pu Lalduhoma, he will be given fifteen minutes.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Let me be the first. Hon'ble Speaker Sir, government of Mizoram issued lump-sum grant to a large number of schools on 1st October, 2003, 12th June, 2008 and 1st October, 2010 for political advantage for the coming MLA election, while salaries of teachers were unpaid by government due to this lump-sum grant. But it is not useful for winning election. What I want to say is that let no ministry give again such fund for a political advantage. That caused a serious transformation of the minds even to the students. The new government too neglects payment of salaries to teachers.

The new government too cancelled appointment of government servants on contract basis due to unfairness of its recruitment rules. It is not good to object such government servants after a number of families used their sons or daughter as source of their family income. It is not a sufficient reason. I had mentioned many times in this House the unfairness of such recruitment rules.

It is also said that revision will be made for schools that has been upgraded or provincialised. In this connection, I would like to point out that government should take over such schools. Some schools were left by providing only one chowkider. Some schools established by churches are usually provincialised. But those schools never have good results after provincialised. It seemed that it is better to enough church schools as it is usually better in its management.

It seemed that it is also good to increase seat reservation in regard to technical course like MBBS, B.E. and B.Sc(Agri). It is good to provide such proposal in this budget.

Education loan given for 49 students has been stopped as done on teachers appointed on contract basis. 500 Hindi teachers were also dismissed forcibly. The steps taken by the government is not good for education. Regarding newly recruitment of 1064 teachers, candidates recommended by VEC were to be selected according to the principle set by government. But none of the candidates recommended by VEC were selected. It is really unfair how the government handled this.

Demand No.4, Law and Judicial – The Mizo Divorce Ordinance had been published in the Mizoram Gazette in 2008, but has not come an Act till date. It is clear that the department remain idle. How will you treat the Mizo Divorce Ordinance?

Demand No.28, Board of Commissioners had been set up for helping students in India and abroad. In my unstarred question I was answered that they have not functioned though the Chairman and Members were listed in the answer. It is good to make it functional. It is clear that they would be very useful for the students. I do hope it functions as early as possible.

Trade and Commerce Department Demand No.44. – Trade and Industrial Conclave had been conducted at Beraw Tlang. I do not know how successful it was. I would like to know from the hon'ble minister the detail items of articles with its success in trade and industrial field in Mizoram. I would like to request the hon'ble minister to give the true copy of report on the progress and its items in each division.

I also want to say that various Trading Association in the state use to increase prices in as their own desire. It is not known where would complain be submitted, it is therefore necessary to make law to control such increase of prices in the state. I would like to request Trade and Commerce Department to take action immediately.

Lastly, Demand No.24 – Medical Services. As we know it is necessary to donate land for Urban Health Centre. Accordingly, it is necessary to set it up only on private land. I, therefore, would like to request the hon'ble minister to have negotiation with the land owner and rehabilitate them by constructing the building. It seemed that the whole state needs to take step in such ways and means. Will the hon'ble minister take action in such ways and means. No Sub-Centre can be set up in the state any more, it is stated that clinic will be opened where Sub-Centre is not set up. Will clinic be opened immediately? Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu K.Liantlinga.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Thank you hon'ble Speaker. There is no Work Programme in Demand No. 8, 12, 21 and 28. It is therefore necessary to take more keen interest in those department. In Taxation Department, it is not clear enough how Value Added Tax (VAT) have been imposed. It is therefore necessary to have revision in regard to such taxation. Under present position, it seems that it is to be called 'Value Tax'.

In Demand No.24 – I would like to point out that there is only one doctor at Vairengte CHC. He is not consulted by patients. It seemed that there should be four specialists and two MBBS in a CHC. It is therefore necessary to make such deployment of doctors at Vairengte CHC.

S P E A K E R : Now, P.P.Thawla.

Pu P.P.THAWLA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, Mizoram achieved the highest literacy percentage in India. While Saiha district is very poor in education, various posts are lying vacant like Headmasters, teachers and peon in many schools. In a real sense, Saiha District is one of the most backward areas in education, it hampers the record of the state literacy position. It is therefore necessary to take prompt action to strengthen the education system in rural areas specially in Saiha District. The position of school inspection is also very bad. The SDEO Office also had never function properly. The office is now administered by a senior UDC in Saiha District. That is why, it is necessary to take step in rural areas to improve and strengthen education.

Demand No.21 – Higher and Technical Education, the DoNER Ministry had approved the estimates for reconstruction of one of the oldest college, Saiha Government College. The detailed report also has been already submitted. If so, I would like to request this ministry to take priority for this Government College.

Demand No.23 – Public Health Services, Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I would like to point out that the minister in-charge is praiseworthy for his keen interest in his department. It is deeply important to take step for the whole state to have good health. Now, the state government can receive fund from Rural Health Mission and Centrally Sponsor Scheme other than the state budget. I therefore request this government to take step better than before. I would also like to point out that Tuipang PHC is only ten bedded, it has only one doctor and two staff nurse. It is very important for the rural people, for those who could not reach Saiha and Lunglei Hospital. I therefore, request the hon'ble minister to provide two doctors, four or five nurses with thirty beds. Phura PHC, a place of pilot project also has only one doctor and one nurse, I would like to request the hon'ble minister to provide two doctors and two or more nurses here.

There are many Health Sub-Centres at the bigger villages, but we know that many buildings were destroyed by cyclone. I would like to request the hon'ble minister to reconstruct those buildings for better health in the state from Centrally Sponsor schemes or from our budget.

Lastly, Chakhang also has PHC, the building has already been constructed but the building is now a cow shed as there is no staff. I therefore request the hon'ble minister as well as the new government to continue the steps taken by the former ministry. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : It very pleasing as the hon'ble member spent time without any additional. Now, Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Today's discussion is very important. Let me start with Demand No.8 - Taxation Department. It would be appreciated if the government can set up Asst. Commissioner Office in every district headquarters. This will increase tax collection. Besides, they have no Service Rules and this caused a lot of problems in the recruitment of new staff. There are about 14 vacant post of Inspector till date. I think this is the result of not having a Service Rules. In this regard the government should look into their problem and take necessary step to implement their Service Rules as soon as possible.

Next, on Demand No. 20 – School Education. About 400 lakhs grant has been received for RMSA. While it was to be introduced in the secondary level SSA still cover the works, is this not against the rule? Is the minister aim to set up RMSA as a society? If so, when will it be? Regarding text book, MBSE prepared the existing text book in our state while SCERT does it in other state. Are we going to follow other state or the existing pattern? Besides, I am not sure whether MBSE was set up as a corporate body or not. If the minister can clarify this, it will be appreciated. It would be great if comparison is made with other state in this regard in order to know what will be best for our state.

I want to discuss about my constituency in a few words. Whenever there was a transfer or pension it was always done along with their post. This caused us lot of problems in teaching. Besides, the condition of every school building and its accessories within my constituency are very old and bad and the approach roads are worse than the buildings. If grant for renovation can be sanctioned it would be very much appreciated. I also want the Parliamentary Secretary to note down the condition of Lungkawlh school, they have 175 students and their main school building cannot accommodate them even along its verandah. Therefore it would be appreciated if this can be extended. If the present government can strengthen the staff, it will help them a lot in their teaching also.

On Demand No. 24 – Medical & Public Health Services. Is there a way to upgrade the Dialysis Unit and ICU at Civil Hospital, Aizawl? The existing one does not meet the need of the patients and also the existing centre at Serchhip and Mamit have not yet functioned till now. If post can be created at Serchhip centre it can function right away. It is a burden for us as they have to come to Aizawl for treatment and caused many hardships for them too. Therefore, it would be appreciated and effective if this department can create a new post as soon as possible. That is all I can say right now, thank you Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : We will now invite Col.Z.S.Zuala.

Lt.Col.Z.S.ZUALA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to discuss about Sainik School at Chhingchhip. From 1987 – 1988, with the help of our current House Leader and Chief Minister, step was taken to establish this school. When we came into power, on his first visit to Delhi, he went to see the DoNER Minister and ask for fund. Now the centre approved plan to establish this school and released the fund needed for its establishment. This will help our younger children in their education as Sainik School is one of the best in the country. Only 18 schools are there in India and we are going to be among the privileged one. It may not seem relevant with our current discussion. But I want to express my gratitude and thanks the House. It is a historical landmark for our state to have such school. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : Who will be next ? Pu John Rotluangliana, hon'ble Deputy Speaker.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, as it appears no one is coming forward; I will have a short discussion. First of all I would like to discuss about Demand No. 20 and 21. Is there a way to change the transfer system of lecturer and school teacher in School, Education and Higher & Technical Education Department? Their transfers coincide with examination. Besides posting and transfer system in this department needs reconsideration. Whenever there was a transfer, the post remains vacant. It was never filled up again. This is very troublesome. Regarding the examination mark given in the HSLC and HSSLC, we should be more lenient. If not, it causes a lot of problem for students who want to go abroad or outside the state. In Technical Entrance also, if I am not wrong, they face a problem in admission. While they are selected by the Board, the Institution where they are supposed to go cannot accept the marks they got in class –XII. Therefore, they are forced to abandon their dream of studying MBBS or B.E.

On Demand No.8 – Taxation. The Industries Department made exempted list on VAT which the Taxation Department still not give their approval. Is there a way to see this list?

On Demand No.44 – Trade & Commerce. They are the sole keeper of our market now. While it appears that there is a limited capacity of seat for our vegetable vendors, in some places there are unused markets to be found specially in Mission Veng and Chanmari. Is there a way to find a solution for them to sit inside

the market building not in the footpath? In regard to Mission Veng bazar, if the approach road is renovated and widened, I think the vendors will not hesitate to sit in. Is there also a way to extend Chanmari bazar? It is too crowded for them.

Besides these, not long ago I visited the IV grade quarters at New Market. It was decaying. Is there a way to rebuilt it? The existing quarters are not fit to live in. They have to eat their food in their bed. It is very pitiful. Also the inside of new market is very muddy and dirty. The road are also very bad, I think it is about 10 years since the last black topping was done. It is about time to renovate the in and out of new market. It will also be more appropriate if the government can arrange seat according to their trade. The existing seat arrangement is not good for our health. Besides, it would be appreciated if seat can be arranged for vegetable sellers who sell their own product.

On Demand No. 24 – Medical and Public Health Services. I want to make a request regarding Lawngtlai and Mamit Hospital to upgrade it into 100 bedded under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). The existing 50 bedded cannot accommodate us as patient increased every day. Besides, the people living around Tuipuibari and its area are very unhealthy specially the Bru and Chakma. It would be appreciated if the government can open at least PHC to get treatment and medicine. Also if possible Phaileng Hospital needs upgrading. That is all I have to say, thank you, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : Do not be hasty; it is your right to have a speech. Besides, it is not often that the Deputy Speaker participates in the discussion. Now we will call Pu K.Liantlinga.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to point out that only three departments submitted their work programme while the other five failed to do so. I hope this kind of negligence will not be repeated in future.

If we look into Demand No. 20 – School Education closely, we can find that about 96% of their fund will go to their salary. It shows that there is no extra fund for work. However, in Plan Fund ₹.770 lakhs was put for SSA and ₹.400 lakhs for RMSA. If these funds were put up for matching share, it will have some effect in work schedule. But it needs a definite work programme, without it there will be many misappropriations as we already witnessed before. Besides, separation of MBSE and SCERT needs a well defined plan. For example, it would be appropriate if MBSE do exam and school evaluation while SCERT concentrate in curriculum text book, training and preparation of syllabus. This way they can utilize their fund of

₹.14.69 crores appropriately. Besides, if there is a well defined plan, our education system can go as a research base.

I would like to point out what interest me in regard to Higher & Technical Education. We can see that fund has been set aside for Oversees Student Scholarship. But it is very little, only ₹.2000/- was there in token. This will not help them to further their education. Secondly, from answer to my question, the Revised Model Educational Loan Scheme for Higher Study in India and abroad was stopped and there was no plan for its continuation. But they can apply for student loan of ₹.4 lakhs without security and above ₹.7 lakhs 50 thousand with security. This we can see in the 2004-2005 Finance Minister Budget speech. I think it is time to implement this for our student in order to pursue higher study. If not, there will be no development to witness in future.

On Demand No. 6 – Medical & Public Health Services, ₹.13,275 lakhs has been put in grant-in-aid. In NRHM ₹.1000 lakh was put, but it appears that there is no definite plan for work execution. As the hon'ble Deputy Speaker pointed out, is there no definite plan from grass root level? Did they just take it from the upper level? The government has to look into the matter and scrutinize what would be best for work execution in the future. In Public Health I am very happy to learn that we have ₹.12,250 lakh as this is going to be used for Health Care Scheme. A definite work programme should be made as it is a Corpus Fund. I do not know how much progress was made for its execution but I do hope that a definite plan is made as the interest is only what is going to be used. Besides, there are two Directorates which need closer scrutiny. It looks like they go in parallel according to the budget book because there are about 10 separate Heads while the fund is of the same. For example- under Rural Health Services ₹.1095.5 lakh was put for subsidy health care in Health Services while in Hospital & Medical Education ₹.310 lakh was also put. For Primary Health Education Centre ₹.2898.44 lakh was put while ₹.796 lakh was also put in Hospital & Medical Education. What is the meaning of these? Are they going to distribute works district wise or not?

On Demand No. 28 – Labour & Employment Department. I can see from the budget that step has not been taken for development of this department. While the Chief Minister propagates that labourers are the VIP in this ministry. In Mizoram 70% of the population belongs to labourers and also migrant workers who are read as the floating populations numbering about 15,000. The government needs to have a definite work system. There is need for a well defined registration and job card system. Labour Law and Labour Rules & Regulation should be made. No matching share for CSS has been put in the budget for up gradation of skill while their skill needs to be upgraded and developed. Besides, ITI should be established in every district capital and at least not more than four should be opened in Aizawl. Labour Insurance is also a must. Lastly I would like to point out about the Education Minister's speech in the Consultative Committee. It seems that without request two Vocational Training Schemes were granted to them. If this is true, it would be a big help if they make a request for another 10 or more. Thank you Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : Who will be next? Is there no one to participate? Yes Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, first of all I would like to discuss about Demand No. 4 – Law & Judicial. I am very happy that the previous ministry implemented separation of executive and judiciary in our state along with the Recruitment Rules of MJS and their Service Rules. In their Recruitment Rules, upto Middle School standard, having knowledge of Mizo language is also added. This will enable us in recruiting sons of the soil in the vacant post in future.

Next on Taxation - Is there a way to construct office building for them? If not, huge amount of money is being wasted for rental. During three years ₹. 37, 65,000/- was used for rental fee.

On School Education, there are many private schools in Mizoram and they are very congested. Can the government make a minimum standard to follow to open school in Mizoram? Within my constituency four remedial teachers were dismissed on the basis of their qualification and later Voluntary Teachers (V.T) were appointed but it appears the former are more qualified than the later. Can the minister look into the matter and find a remedy? Besides, is there a way to provide the salary of teachers who are working in private High School at Kawnpui?

On Demand No. 21 - Higher & Technical Education. The scholarship and stipend of Women Polytechnic, Mizoram and Technical Education were less than it was in 2008-2009. What is the main reason ? Is it going to be revised? According to the Manifesto of Congress Party, student loan will be provided for studying abroad and expensive education. But they are not put in this budget, while Reserve Bank of India gives instruction to different banks in India to give education loan upto 20 lakhs according to their requirement. Will the govt., follow and take initiative to turn this into reality for our educated young people and give awareness campaign amongst them?

On Demand No. 24 - Medical and Public Health, we have an increase budget this year also ₹. 122.5 crores loan from Asian Development Bank for structural adjustment increased the amount of their budget. Health Care System was passed in this House on 20.3.2009, but it is not yet implemented. What is the reason ? Can the govt. make clarification in this regard? Besides, within my constituency about 11 people died because of malaria. It appears that we have to take an initiative to prevent malaria from spreading. Our current situation shows that we lack initiative in fighting malaria. In regard to transfer and posting, the deptt., has no definite transfer norms. We have one Medicine specialist in Lawngtlai for a short period, but was transferred without filling up the vacant post. I request the minister concern to look into the matter and find a solution as soon as possible.

Regarding PHC, one PHC is supposed to cater about 20,000 people. In my constituency there are more than 40,000 population and we have only one PHC in Bungtlang which was not yet fully equipped. I would like to request the Minister and officials to take measure so that the vacant post and equipments be filled up and provide the requirements immediately.

S P E A K E R : We will have recess now and resume our discussion at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 P.M.

S P E A K E R : Who will participate?
Pu H.Zothangliana.

Pu H.ZOTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. On Demand No.24 - Medical & Public Health, it appears that while many rural areas are without doctors, there are many in urban areas. 20 vacant posts under NRHM are not yet filled up due to lack of aspiring candidates. In this regard the minister concern takes initiative to solve this problem and I want to voice out my appreciation. Besides, it would be appreciated if a way can be found for posting of the govt. doctor in rural areas. Normally for rural areas doctors are recruited on contract basis and many decline this offer as the city offered more prosperous prospect, wherein the govt. doctor does not have a definite Service Rules till date. It would be appreciated if a precise and definite rules be made for them as soon as possible to enthuse them. Regarding recruitment of Nurses and Health Workers, it is very important specially for rural areas that local or from nearby villages are recruited. If not, a well connected person may try their best for transfer immediately. Such cases were faced many times in recent year and brings hardship among the rural people.

On Demand No. 20 and 21, it is time for us to change our education system. Let us not impose Science and Mathematic among the students to be a compulsory subject. It would be good if we can introduce a new system and follow the ICSE pattern if not fully. This way we can produce more B.A, M.A, Ph.D in the future. Besides these, while High Schools under the govt. are upgraded into Higher Secondary, the upgradation of Lawngtlai High School is not full fledged. Till date they do not have a post for Geography and Sociology teacher. Is there a way to create a post in these two subjects? It would be appreciated if the present govt. gives priority to this regard. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, first of all I would like to discuss about Demand No.21. I would like to request the concerned minister to give his utmost in regard to the pay scale of the Government College Lecturer. It would be appreciated if the UGC pay scale can be followed as desired. Besides, importance should be given to student loan in order to further their studies abroad. Step should be taken to introduce more private University like ICFAI etc., for the benefit of our students to broaden their horizon. Also infrastructure of the state Government Colleges needs upgradation as the present situation cannot fulfill the students' needs. Introduction of Navadaya Uidalay should also be encouraged as this brings free education to many districts. From this scheme we can get about 20/30 crores for development and progress in the field of education.

On Demand No.24 Health, I like to express my thanks to the minister for placing Ortho doctor at Lunglei, and we would be very thankful if the present Gynecologist be posted permanently. Besides, it would be appreciated if Cabin can be opened as soon as possible. The power supply also needs upgradation as the present supply cannot feed us as required.

In Aizawl Civil Hospital, the Cabins need upgradation as the existing number cannot accommodate patients' requirement. In Health Care Scheme, order for its effectiveness was released by the Chief Secretary on July, but till date it does not come into effect. Step should be taken to become effective as many underprivileges suffer greatly. Regarding Malaria, we have to improve our method in fighting Malaria and the distribution of mosquito nets needs reviewing. We have to review our system in regard to making work programme and its implementation.

On Demand No.20, there is a need for clarification in regard to lump sum grant-in-aid and Aided School. I want to point out that it was done because of the coming election but for the needs and demands of the people. I think it is very important and I would like the present ministry to continue it. I would also like to express my thanks to the minister for taking an initiative and trying to implement Voluntary Retirement Scheme for teachers to have quality drive in teaching standard from fund we are going to receive from Asian Development Bank. Besides, MoU was signed between the Mizoram Govt., and International Align for Youth Sport, Florida, USA to promote sports among the students. This has been given an utmost importance by the National Education Policy and Right to Education stating that at least one sport teacher should be placed in every school. Right now Mizoram is one of the most advanced state to have Sport Academy in India. It would also be appreciated if step is taken to fully implement the MoU signed with Cambridge so that our teachers can acquire better English and improve general teaching skill in the near future.

Regarding CSS, fund for SSA and RMSA based on the performance of last year and level of performance, if I am not wrong we have not yet received 1st installment for this year. Therefore, we have to improve our performance in order to receive fund for the coming year. The central govt., make relaxation in this regard for North East States. While other states have to contribute a matching share of

40% to 35%, we only have to contribute 90/10 till 2012. Therefore, timely implementation is very important.

Regarding Taxation it is very important that the people know their responsibility in paying taxes. In this regard we have to make them aware of their responsibility in order to become a good citizen.

I want to add one thing in regard to Health Deptt., and request the minister to note down that in Buarpui we still have no X-Ray machine till date and their equipments need improvement. It would be appreciated if necessary action is taken as soon as possible.

Lastly, in regard to our working relation with the NGOs specially in SSA, it is commendable that by distributing small amount of fund as stated in the MoU, they can be very useful in the awareness campaign. Their co-operation enhanced great progress in literacy drive as we work together from grass root level. Therefore, I hope and pray that the present govt., takes step to implement this and execute the budget accordingly with transparency as it is very important for the development and welfare of the state. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : It appears that the time limit is not sufficient for him. Now, let us invite Pu Nirupam Chakma.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to discuss about Demand No.4 Law & Judicial. I want to express my thanks to the Law Minister and hon'ble Chief Minister for the establishment of Mizoram Law Commission. The passing of Gram Nya Yalayas Act will open door for new employment among the Law graduate. Pu Speaker, in Mizoram the laws we passed and used in the Assembly are hard for the people to study to acquire knowledge. They can only be found in the Assembly or Law Department. Therefore, as the Law Deptt., used to make Compendium in the past, can it be done again? If it can be done, it will bring fresh awareness in law among the people and will also be a great help for the lawyers and courts in Mizoram.

On Taxation, we are now going to use VAT manual and the government try to restructure every department that will help and bring easy schedule in collection of taxes. I think this is a great achievement of our government.

On Parliamentary Affairs, I think it would be useful for all departments to learn our concern which was discussed in this House and take action to implement it, if the Assembly proceeding be dispatch to all departments.

On School Education, it would be good for us all if we wait the report of the Education Programme Commission chalked out by intellectual persons the govt., hired for the development of our education system instead of debating the merits and demerits of the current system in this House.

On Higher & Technical Education, only Law College and Kamalanagar College are not provincialised till date. Can the minister take an initiative in this regard? On construction of College building, why did the last ministry entrust the contract work to Meghalaya Construction Company while the Mizoram PWD can also do it ? We have not yet received DPR and that means works has not been started yet. Such action should not be repeated.

On Medical & Health, while we want to open many Sub-Centers and PHC, it would be appreciated if importance is given to Tuipuibari whose inhabitants are mainly Chakma and Bru. During this ministry let us try to find a way to open at least one Centre as there is none in its surrounding villages. They are deprived of Health Care facility till date. To provide rural areas medical check-up, let us put more fund and increase practice of Mobile Clinic programme and give time to tour our respective constituency to find out their problems. This way we can save many lives.

Regarding specialist doctor, there is one in Chawngte on contract basis within my constituency; regular doctor is not seen for a long time. Besides, if we can recruit Health Worker from this area, it will help us in many ways. This year two Chakmas sat examination for training of Health Worker, one of them was dropped because of his knowledge of English. If this is the way we are going to conduct examination it is very shameful. We also need to make reservation for rural areas in the selection of studying MBBS, if not, there cannot be a balanced justice specially for rural areas. I opine that it should be good if reservation be made according to district wise, that way we can compete in our own district.

Lastly, on Trade & Commerce, we had Mizoram Trade Investment Summit with Burma and Bangladesh. In this, the Bangladesh side does not respond well. Therefore, negotiation should be made with their officials in order to have a good business relationship. In employment, seat reservation should be increased in I.T.I for rural people in order to pave way for their recruitment in different jobs.

S P E A K E R : Now, we finished our discussion, let us invite the hon'ble minister Pu Lalsawta to wind up and beg the House to pass his demands.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to thank the members for their participation. I will start with Parliamentary Affairs Department. After much thinking and to meet our needs Parliamentary Secretaries were appointed which was not practiced before through proper channel. Today, they proved their efficiency and usefulness in the running of the government.

Regarding the compilation of Laws passed in this House and its distribution to libraries within Mizoram, I think this is very important and should be done through this department not by the Assembly Secretariat. Besides, I want to point out that Laws adopted by central govt., are automatically adopted by the state if we are not in the list of exemption.

On Law & Judicial, while passing different laws from District Council to U.T. period, many are now applicable and some are not applied at all. Therefore, it is regarded that Law Commission was needed to scrutinize our law to differentiate what is applicable and what is not. The Chairman and its Members give their utmost relating to any legal aspects. Regarding 'Divorce Act', we gave much thought and came to conclusion that this needs special attention and more studying before applying. The Recruitment Rules of Judicial Services was also nearly finished.

On Higher & Technical Education we are taking step to increase our current quota for technical entrance. On School Education, the previous ministry opened door for students to take loan to further their studies. We prepared a new policy after having consultation with Bank Managers in order to have a definite delivery system so that the money landed into the right hand and we informed the banks that as it is the central govt's, policy and direction, they have to fulfill it accordingly. We are putting this in our Budget book also under a new Head "Overseas Scholarship", it was put in a token provision. Strengthening Polytechnic and opening a wider way in technical studies are also our top priority. Our House Leader knows the importance of education and regarded it as a safe investment and that is one of the main reasons in our setting up of Education Reform Commission.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, is it because we are expecting fund from Central Sponsored Scheme that we are putting Overseas Scholarship under token provision?

Pu LALDUHOMA : In reply to the question Pu Speaker, it is stated that issue of Education Loan to 49 persons is stopped for the time being and I am asking only the reason to that effect.

Pu LALSAWTA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, whether the question is of Starred or Un-starred Question?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, it is an un-starred Question but I cannot say whether it is of today or not.

Pu LALSAWTA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it seems that the question is of today which concerns Labour & Employment Department. We didn't stop from our end as Higher & Technical Education Department has no authority to do so. The point in question is rather concerned with Bank as it is their decision if the applicant is not able to produce a mortgage of co-lateral value.

As of the question of Pu C. Ramhluna, it is not my department's concern of whether the said project is of Centrally Sponsored Scheme. We only made an approach to Finance Department to enquire about the sum which may be given to that purpose if there is provision to that effect. Finance Department then sanctioned the said provision for the first time and it is to be noted that sanction for the said provision had never been given in the previous years.

Regarding the question relating to Polytechnic, Pu Speaker, I want to point out that we have discussed in a Consultative Committee, the necessity to emphasize on Technical and Professional Studies as the system of Traditional Academic Studies is no longer applicable in today's world. There are 3 Polytechnic Institutes in Mizoram such as, Women Polytechnic at Aizawl, another at Lunglei and Saiha in which the department cannot accommodate all the applicants. So, in an effort to have another at Champhai and Kolasib, permission has already been obtained and the sites are already selected. Besides, Pu Speaker, it is learnt that there is a proposal to set up the same at Lawngtlai and Mamit with additional project to include NIT in all such institutions. It is to be noted that most of the studies today are rather, work oriented than job oriented. So, it is necessary for the government too, to emphasize on professional studies.

Regarding adoption of UGC pay scale, effort is made by the concerned authority for immediate implementation yet; it is necessary to follow the norms in dealing files hence it could not be speeded up as desired by the concerned employees. I believe it will be achieved soon.

Dr. R. Lalthangliana have pointed out Vocationalisation Studies for Higher Secondary, the concerned authority examined the matter and further determined to implement the same for lower classes, too. Even though class 12 is expected to be taken as terminal, the concerned authority opined that terminal

nature has no prospect as it does not guarantee employment. Hence, the matter is being reviewed. In this connection, I want to inform the House that there are number of students pursuing further studies for graduation in Sericulture, Horticulture and Laboratory Technician despite unavailability of lateral entry in the corresponding department respectively.

Coming now to School Education Department, hon'ble members could see that Demands for Grants allotted in respect of School Education is the highest to all departments except Finance and Public Account which cannot be called as a full-fledged department. In regard to this favor, it is to be noted that our House Leader too, seems to acknowledge the fact that deficiency of funds suffered by the School Education Department comparatively compelled increase in the demand.

Some members may confuse with the statement of our House Leader that his ministry is proceeding with the work of cleaning up problems inherited from the previous ministry and cannot be carried out at fast pace. In this regard, I would also like to add that there are number of problems which cannot be resolved instantly as it affected service status of some employees and may be dealt with intensive care. I must say that in the previous ministry, the government, in due time, had not paid attention towards the problem of the School Education Department such as matter concerning provincialization of Schools, Adhoc Aided Schools and Lump Sum Grant but only from 2008, obviously because the next General Election was due to be held. Despite financial constrain of the department, 38 Middle Schools and 10 High Schools were provincialized, 206 schools were upgraded to Adhoc Grant Aided school, and order of Lump Sum Grant to teachers were issued for 6 months where as the department did not afford to give out not a single penny to that effect.

Knowing such increasing demands originating from the previous term of government, it is appreciated that the present leader of the House and the authority concerned now favored my department with the highest amount of Demand for Grants amounting ₹.2970 lakh. Yet, it is regretting to mention that the department still have a budget deficit of ₹.1137 lakh and almost 1000 vacant posts, provisions to that effect could not be made available.

Regarding Education Reform Commission which is now being prepared, I would like to inform the House that officers assigned to do the work informed me that the work may be completed within six months but the report could not be submitted in due time. Their service may, therefore, be extended for another few months.

As pointed out by Pu Lalduhoma, a good teacher as well as a good school building is essential to achieve good education. In this connection, teacher and student's ratio in India is 1:40 whereas in Mizoram it is 1:14 which is the highest at the national level. It indicates excessive number of schools is set up in Mizoram for business reason with unqualified teachers. As soon as such schools are recognized by the government, the incumbent teachers are usually inherited on sympathy. But with the new system of education, such teachers who remain in service, but no longer befitted to continue were compelled to retire. As a result, the government had to acquire Bank Loan for pension grant of such retired teachers.

Accordingly, we have 22 colleges in Mizoram and to improve the quality of our educational system, it is necessary to amalgamate such colleges into 13 or more and give concentration on setting up good hostels for the concerned students.

Under Universalization of Education, more schools are set up as a Constitutional Provision. However, amalgamation policy at least for Higher Secondary School should be encouraged to improve education. The department and the teachers are deeply concerned with our educational quality and its system of delivery for which the status and pride of teachers needs to be restored.

Department of School Education in Mizoram is different from other states Education Department. In other states, there is directorate under which district office functions then come sub-divisional office. In Mizoram, DEO looks after Higher Secondary Schools but is not under District Education. SDEO looks after only Elementary Schools and below and the two have no correspondence which creates problem for the department

It is regretting to learn that the teachers and their concerned department are in a desperate situation due to poor delivery system of our educational line. So, Pu Speaker, I opine it is important to improve it and in order to do so, it is necessary to instill sense of pride in the mind of each teacher by improving their status.

Relating to this, I would like to point out distinctiveness of School Education Department of Mizoram.

That Pu Speaker, State's School Education Departments in other states; there is a Directorate under which District Offices are functioning. And under the District office, there is Sub-Divisional. But in Mizoram, we have District Education Officer (DEO) to look after Higher Secondary Schools but are not functioning under District Education. And, there is Sub-Divisional Education Officer (SDEO) who looks after only the Elementary Schools such as Middle Schools and below. The two have no correspondence to each other which create problems for the department. Educational Reforms Commission, therefore, is expected to indicate the prospect of delivery system.

Regarding RMSA, it is to be noted that the programme is planned to strengthen our school educational system but not to compete with the Education Department. It is, therefore, important to consider whether effort made for improvement of RMSA or SSA on the contrary, discourages staff of the Education Department. I am afraid that inferiority complex is instilled in the mind of the general teachers of the department. Thus, the department felt the need to wipe out the concept that the two co-existed in parallel.

One of the main problems of the Education Department is looking after over-staff teachers who are all being appointed to teach the students. The task, I must say, is very difficult especially for an inexperienced minister like me. Yet,

we somehow manage to proceed with the support of certain experienced leaders and the officials concern. What is important for the concerned parents and politicians is the will to sacrifice ourselves so as to improve educational system of our children.

Coming now to the problem of Hindi teachers, I want to state that during Tenth Plan period with effect from April 2002 up to March 31, 2007, 500 Hindi teachers were appointed for Primary schools on contact basis. As the appointment expired, the government approached central authority with a demand to renew the said appointment and further asked for additional posts of 687. Even though it was issued, a clear cut definition has not been made whether salary expenditure would be met from plan or non-plan fund. Thus, central authority sanctioned ₹. 244 lakh for 687 posts only whereas the state government considered itself as having 1187 posts. Due to this, the government is sued by the concerned employees. I apologize to the House for the necessity to mention sub-judicial matter as it is important to let the people know the truth about this problem. I would also like to inform the House that the said mistake had not been done deliberately but solely due to misconception of the statement.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to mention that there is a plan in the whole country to replace VAT with GST (Goods Service Tax) which is included in the State List as it concerns with states. In the same manner, the committee to that effect too, is not of central but a meeting of the State Finance Ministers or all state taxation ministers forming an empowered Committee concerning 83 schools. If the government is unable to make provision to the concerned teachers, a clear cut decision should be made and information may be given immediately as some of them may prefer to leave instead of wasting their time to a job with no pay. I am afraid that the afore mentioned teachers may leave except who are qualified to continue as it is necessary for the government to make financial arrangement according to its own capacity.

So, Pu Speaker, I beg your permission and of the House to pass my Demands for the following departments :- Demand No. 4 Law & Judicial Department – ₹.11,19,80,000/-, Demand No. 8 Taxation Department – ₹.6,99,90,00/-, Demand No. 12 Parliamentary Affairs Department – ₹.33,15,000/-, Demand No. 20 School Education Department – ₹.379,93,19,000/- and Demand No. 21 Higher & Technical Education ₹.65,96,36,000/-. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : After winding up his demands, Pu Lalsawta, hon'ble minister moved the House to pass the following Demands :- Demand No. 4 Law & Judicial Department – ₹. 11,19,80,000/-, Demand No. 8 Taxation Department – ₹. 6,99,90,00/-, Demand No. 12 Parliamentary Affairs Department – ₹. 33,15,000/-, Demand No. 20 School Education Department – ₹. 379,93,19,000/- and Demand No. 21 Higher & Technical Education ₹. 65,96,36,000/- totaling ₹.464,42,40,000/- and is passed unanimously.

Let me now, call upon Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, hon'ble minister to wind up his demands and then move the House to pass it.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Thank you Pu Speaker. It is appreciated that some members enthusiastically expresses their concern for my departments such as Demand Nos. 24, 28 and 44. Let me react from demand No. 24, Health & Family Department and I earnestly request the members specially those who contributed valuable ideas covering from the southern corner to Vairengte, from Sub-Centre to Civil Hospital Aizawl.

Pu Speaker, Fundamental Right in the Constitution clearly underlines importance of health care. As known to us all, Medical & Health Services is now divided in to two separate departments. Firstly, let me start with Directorate of Health Services, in which Pu Lalthansanga and Pu Liantlinga focused their question on whether policy and planning have been implemented out of concern for the people at grass-root level. Pu Speaker, in such a way to indicate concern of the government for each citizen, central authority organized Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) by appointing expert women at the service of each pregnant woman till the delivery for which Rs.600 per month is given as a reward. It is absolutely a voluntary work, yet, they are equipped with necessary instruments like torch light, umbrella, kit bag and medicines. I, therefore, strongly believe that there will be some sort of achievements as we started Health index.

Besides, there are Health Workers who are engaged to check up any child-bearing women in the area assigned to his/her by visiting at least twice a month with Health Supervisor to see instruction is followed by those Health Workers. A member from Aizawl West-II constituency pointed out the need for more sub-centres for the post of Health Workers as we have already crossed central norms. It is true in certain ways and for that reason, the department decided to open clinic centres in various places. As of establishment of Primary Health Centres, they are under the maintenance of one doctor each and three nurses. Point regarding CHC raised by a member from Vairengte constituency is right as there must be 4 specialists in every CHC which is expected to function under 5 to 6 doctors. Above them, there are MMO to administer and evaluate the report and at the top, Director, to head the directorate.

Pu Speaker, the department has various programmes for water-borne diseases, Reproductive Child Health, School Health, RMTC, T.B. Control and Blind Control programme and it is the duty of the department to look after the people of Mizoram effectively. In this connection, I want to point out that this new ministry gives priority to upgradation of Drug Control system to maintain standard of our medicines. So, a new post of Assistant Director has even been upgraded to Deputy Director, thanks to the concern of the hon'ble Chief Minister.

Besides, Pu Speaker, we also have AYUSH, a very popular programme being introduced in Mizoram. It consists only of non-chemical drugs. It is decided that only the first and the last one i.e. Ayurveda and Homoeopathy will be introduced in Mizoram as others like Yoga, Punani and Siddha seems to be inapplicable to our culture and tradition. Keeping in mind the need for more doctors to carry out the programme effectively, the hon'ble Chief Minister approached central authority. Hence, a financial sanction of Rs.67 crore was made available to resolve the existing problem of inadequacy of doctors.

Pu Speaker, one of the most important functions of my department is Surveillance that requires co-operation of all the members. For example, performance of the department in controlling malaria this year is degrading due to delay of rainfalls. But the experts believe that malaria will be increased this year due to delay in rainfalls. Hence, nothing much can be done. The department nevertheless takes precautionary measures by distributing mosquito nets 70,000 in the malaria infested regions. ₹.140 lakh has also been received from National Rural Health Mission for procurement of such materials and medicines.

Regarding Sub-Centre as pointed out by certain members, we have four urban centres presently. However, there is no plan for purchase of sites for such centres presently. In this connection, I want to say that we are not yet in a condition to maintain norms of Indian Public Health.

Regarding point raised by a member from Lunglei West constituency, Pu Speaker, obviously the member himself is not familiar with what goes around in his constituency as he has no knowledge of an X-ray instrument being installed at Buarpui Sub-centre.

Regarding shortage of doctor, only four applications are received against an advertisement for 28 posts of doctor under National Rural Health Mission. Even one doctor posted at Lunglei declined to join his post considering the best for his future career. (DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, that is the problem. No doctor seems to have interest in joining the government post since their problems with service matters that had already been resolved during MNF ministry remains unfulfilled and the reason may be clarified.)

Pu Speaker, the previous ministry appointed 66 doctors for emergency cases like natural calamities [as given in 3(f)] which may be regularized as soon as chance arises. However, the concerned authority has to give priority to regularization of appointments as given in 4(c). So, we need to study Service Rules meticulously. It is to be noted that the concerned authority give more importance to service security than to their scale of pay.

Pu Speaker, the statement of Dr. R. Lalthangliana regarding problem of power supply at Lunglei district is true as I have visited the place while accompanying the hon'ble Chief Minister to attend the programme of Lunglei High Power Committee and I am convinced that it is not wholly responsibility of the

building construction but also of mechanical division of PWD and P & E department too. It is regretted as there are number of works which were left incomplete.

Regarding setting up of 50 bedded hospital at Mamit, I must say 50 beds is too much as in the case of Lunglei Hospital where number of beds remain unoccupied unless manpower and demand for bed is increased. In fact, the government gives more importance to furnishing the said hospital than upgradation to more beds.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, explanation given by the concerned minister regarding regularization of 66 doctors is not clear enough. The main point is; what step has been taken so far in regard to regularization of 66 doctors. Unless it is resolved, it will remain the problem as the concerned doctors are confusing whether to join the said post as their future career remains obscure.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I thought I have already pointed out the necessity to take up regularization of 4(c) for which Service Rules is now being studied. Yet, we are expecting a positive outcome.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I insist on the hon'ble minister to cover plan with setting up of cabin at Civil Hospital Lunglei where most of the major departments are there so does building infrastructure. Moreover, I don't think it is difficult to fulfill our demand for nurse station. Relating to the question of Pu Duhoma, I want to know whether review cadre has already been completed as it is co-related with the main question.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I supposed cadre review is included in dealing of Service Rules. As of the demand for nurse station, I don't think it to be necessary as it has a superintendent. As of the problem of inadequacy of nurse, I regret to mention that the problem exists in every Civil Hospitals and the government is trying hard to resolve this problem too. Regarding demand for cabin at Lunglei Civil Hospital, it may be wise not to proceed any further as it is linked with construction of AYUSH building

in Aizawl Civil Hospital, financial sanction for its construction is said to have been lost.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, let me remind the hon'ble minister that recognition for Maraland Gospel Centenary Hospital has not yet been obtained till today.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I have already told the concerned member personally that permission for recognition has already been signed and they will receive a copy sooner or later.

Regarding cancer, it is sad to learn that in cases of cancer, Mizoram ranked No.1 in the world and we have even acquired support of the central government to alleviate the problem. With the effort of the government and our doctors, Regional Cancer Unit has already been set up. Pu Speaker, it is learnt that lack of self-control is the main reason for increase of this deathly disease in Mizo society. Hence, concerned leaders, experts and NGOS give intense effort to check the disease. Besides, to minimize consumption of tobacco products in Mizoram, campaign for tobacco control is now in full swing and is spearheaded by the wife of our hon'ble Chief Minister.

Next, I would also like to explain about AIDS control society. According to the latest record, there are 3703 people in Mizoram who are infected with HIV. AIDS control society and NGOs, in an effort to control spreading of the disease, take various steps.

Besides, Pu Speaker, in order to alleviate problem in medical attendance, Outreach Medical Camp is being introduced. Regarding complain about non-practicing allowance availed by doctors, I opine it is important to consider their true conditions as there are number of patients who are waiting for 2 or 3 months for their turn and there are many who need medical attendance or surgery on emergency cases. Despite their busy schedule, it is regretted that facilities can not be given as deserved by the doctors. As of complain on doctors practicing in private hospital are sometimes criticized but it is good in certain ways as it reduces huge amount of money flowing out regularly outside Mizoram. Pu Speaker, since number of beds in Civil Hospital Aizawl has not been increased for the last ten years, effort is made to do so and Referral Hospital is being furnished as I became the concerned minister.

Pu Speaker, setting up of Medical College in Mizoram too, is being initiated under the chairmanship of the hon'ble Chief Minister but, could not be proceed at fast pace as it is necessary to follow norms and guidelines provided by

Medical Council of India (MCI). Considering requirement of dead body for practical studies, having Medical College is in a way, a problem as enough dead body may not be found in our state and will be necessary to purchase it, if available.

Coming now to Demand No. 28 Labour & Employment Department, it may not be wrong to say that this department is the poorest developing department in Mizoram as it was established in 1964 with more than twenty Directors to its credit, but no remarkable achievement is seen except setting up of ITI in Lunglei, Saiha and Aizawl. The new government, therefore, is planning to emphasize on Skilled Development Initiative Programme introduced by Shri Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India with a view to upgrade economic condition of our country. The main policy of this programme is to shape future career of children. Under this programme, children who completed class five who has reached the age of 14 will be given training on his/her own choice trade at ITI which will be upgraded so as to accommodate training for any trade.

Not only this, the government also concerned with 'Study abroad' policy for the upcoming students [PU K. LIANTLINGA: That is the point, Pu Speaker. Regarding upgradation of skill, it is learnt from the official website that there are number of centrally sponsored schemes which are applicable but had not been reflected here in our budget statement. Does it mean that no action is taken to that effect?] Since this is a new programme, it cannot be taken at fast pace and I don't think it is necessary to reflect in the budget as it will be of cent percent grant-in-aid from the central. Knowing that the govt. of India gives so much importance to the said Skill Development Initiative, this government is in the opinion to put dealing of this matter to the State's Planning Department to have a positive outcome for up-coming students. I would further like to state that the hon'ble Chief Minister and the concerned leaders are approaching some experts having experience in this particular field to come to Aizawl and help us in starting the programme. I am strongly confident that a positive change will come for Mizoram as the up-coming students who are willing to give serious effort will surely benefit the said Skill Development Initiative programme.

Moreover, Pu Speaker, the government is having predetermination with the coming of Multi-National Companies in Mizoram as to whether job reservation of 80%, 82% or 85% in favour of son of the soil could be achieved. Hence, Labour Law is now being reviewed. As the hon'ble Chief Minister has pointed out the other day that the government, concerning condition of poorer section of the people, increased minimum wages where as for unskilled labour - ₹.103 to ₹.132.29, semi-skilled - ₹.115 to ₹.148, skilled II - ₹.143 to ₹.184 and skilled I - ₹.183 to ₹.235.

Pu Speaker, regarding Labour & Employment Department, it is the main policy of the government to emphasize on upgradation of ITI but the problem evolves due to non-availability of site for the establishment as the site we have now in the area of Republic veng will hardly serve the purpose.

Going back to Health Department, I want to inform the House that the government determines to implement Rashtryas State Yojna, a programme that concerned with BPL families with the opportunity to avail financial assistance for medical treatment amounting up to ₹.30,000/-. In this connection, I want to point out that this new government is not intending to ignore Health Care programme implemented by the previous ministry yet, this could not be continued instantly as it is necessary first, to study the system and financial condition of the government very carefully. After studying the said factors, the government decided not to continue the programme as financial provision to that effect had been deposited in various Banks and Bajaj Alliance obviously for personal benefit. Besides, Pu Speaker, share of Health Department from Asian Development for implementation of the said Health Care Scheme amounting to 25 million USD has not yet been received till today. Hence, it is not possible to continue with the said programme.

Pu Speaker, the new ministry well deserves to be praised. Within a short time, 28 crore rupees under Health Care scheme was released by Reliance Company. As it is a problem involving the poor and the needy of Mizoram, the government takes immediate step to resolve the problem, meeting with various private hospitals was held and even taunted the responsible company to release the remaining fund, failing which the government is ready to convene a Press conference that would surely tarnish the reputation of the company. This clearly indicates that the government is committed to the welfare of the people.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, if loan is received from Asian Development Bank, will the said scheme introduced by the previous government be continued, or Rashtrya Bhima Shivasthy Yogana will be introduced instead?

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, the amount is only ₹.50 crore out of which ₹.28 crore is said to have been spent already and, ₹.2 crore rupees for medical assistance to patients suffering from terminal diseases. Even if 10 crore rupees is being deposited at Bajaj Alliance, I opine it can be started with 10 crore rupees which remains at the Bank. Pu Speaker, notification is gazetted already on the 21st May, 2009 that the scheme will be launched on the 1st July, 2009. I wonder why the government remains unable to proceed as anxious people are waiting for a favourable outcome. If it is not possible, I opine it is wise for the government to make clarification to the people concerned.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, the member suggested that
 MINISTER 10 crore rupees deposited at Bajaj
 Alliance may be ignored. In this
 regard, it is to be noted that there is
 another problem as The Mizoram Health Care Society, on the other hand, is having
 large amount of financial outstanding which cannot be recovered as yet due to the
 same problem caused by Reliance Company. As Pu Lalduhoma has pointed out,
 RSBY and the said Health Care Scheme could be introduced side by side as were
 launched already in 18 states. To launch the two programmes in parallel, central
 authority laid down a clear cut procedure with terms and conditions so that it is not
 mixed up with the process of one with the other. As in our case, we have considered
 the matter and decided not to follow the same due to deficiency of manpower.
 Regarding ADB loan, it is of corpus fund with recovery to be met from its own
 interest and the procedure is now under preparation. Pu Speaker, since the matter
 concern not only of Health Department but all the people in Mizoram, it will be
 appreciated if the general people too, give interest to it and witness the situation.

Demand No. 44, Trade & Commerce, Pu Lalduhoma pointed
 out the need to control rate of meats and vegetables. We have been thinking of whose
 responsibility to fix the rate and as far as my knowledge is concerned, an order issued
 in 1954 that the rate is to be fixed by Marketing Officers. Later on, as Marketing
 Officer is considered inappropriate to make that decision, the said order was
 superseded in 1996. However, since no other official being authorized to do the same,
 the department of Trade & Commerce, having control over 68 markets, takes that
 responsibility. We have even put forward for Cabinet approval, a suggestion to give
 that power to Trade and Commerce Department and it is now under consideration.

Pu Speaker, it is to be noted that collection of marketing fees
 and garbage is not the only duty of Trade & Commerce department. There are number
 of steps taken for improvement of Mizoram. Besides, the department attributes
 various important roles in 'Look East Policy' to be launched by the central
 government as it concern with Bay of Bengal Initiative Multi-Sectoral Technology
 and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTAEC). This programme will raise prospect for the
 Mizos to extend our outlook towards overseas business. Since the department is
 concern with skill development from employment, it will be necessary to train our
 youths to acquire the ability to accommodate with the upcoming multi-national
 companies in our state so as to protect our society from assimilation by outsiders.

Pu Speaker, it is highly appreciated that there is marketing
 prospect for ginger product to Bangladesh. The government of Bangladesh too, is
 ready to set up its station at a few distant away from Tlabung. It is to be noted that this
 achievement is the result of efforts made by the concerned officials and they truly
 deserve praise.

Regarding MAMCO, despite being the only self-sustaining
 company known in Mizoram, we still have a long way to go as the total amount of
 production of gingers or spices are less sufficient to meet the demand made by some
 companies. At the conclave meeting, the concerned Manager of Bangladesh, after
 seeking approval of their Prime Minister, was invited to come to Mizoram to sign an

agreement but could not make it till today due to his busy schedules. We, therefore, plan to visit them instead in the near future. In this relation, I am happy to learn that farmers engaging in the plantation of Hatkora are very excited with the news of this agreement as they will now have the opportunity to dispose their products at a reasonable rate from their own places.

Pu Speaker, I am happy to see that the members show interest in my departments and participated in the discussion of my demands. So, Pu Speaker, I, now beg leave of the House to pass the Demand No. 24, Medical and Public Health Services Department ₹.272,87,96,000/-, Demand No.28 Labour & Employment ₹.534,50,000/- and Demand No.44 Trade & Commerce ₹.4,45,00,000/-, totally ₹.282,67,46,000/-. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Alright. Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, the Minister, after winding up demands of his departments, has now moved to the House to pass Demand No. 24, Medical and Public Health Services Department ₹.272,87,96,000/-, Demand No.28 Labour & Employment ₹.534,50,000/- and Demand No.44 Trade & Commerce ₹.4,45,00,000/- totaling ₹.282,67,46,000/-. Members who agree to pass may say 'yes' and those who don't, may say 'no'. [Members: Yes]

The Demands of the following departments under the Minister, Pu Lalrinliana Sailo such as Demand No. 24, Medical and Public Health Services Department ₹.272,87,96,000/-, Demand No.28 Labour & Employment ₹.534,50,000/- and Demand No.44 Trade & Commerce ₹.4,45,00,000/- totaling ₹.282,67,46,000/- is now passed by the House.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Thank you, Pu Speaker.
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SPEAKER : We now finished our business for today. The meeting will be resumed tomorrow, the 27.10.2009 (Tuesday) at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned.